

# Family Fun in Mansfield

## September, October, November, December 2010

### Special Notes

- **Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry** (486-4605) ([bimp.uconn.edu](http://bimp.uconn.edu)) is located on the UConn Depot Campus and is open to the public Fri., Sat. & Sun., 12 noon-5pm through Dec. 19 and by appointment at other times. Don't miss BIMP's 2 exciting exhibits, *Frank and Elizabeth Haines: an American Puppet Company in the 1930s*, and *Punch and Judy: Handpuppets, Politics and Humor*. Check the website for special programs in the coming months.
- **Community School of the Arts** (486-1073) ([csa.uconn.edu](http://csa.uconn.edu)) offers a wide variety of classes in music, art and theater for children of all ages. Plus Art birthday parties & Scout classes. Call for a copy of the 2010/2011 program brochure.
- **CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center** (486-4460) ([mnh.uconn.edu](http://mnh.uconn.edu)), features a multi-media exhibit, *Human's Nature: A Closer Look at the Relationship Between People and the Environment*. The Museum is open Wed.-Fri..10am-4pm (closed Saturday-Tuesday). Call for a copy of the Fall 2010 program brochure, which includes several fun and educational programs for children and their families.
- **Gurleyville Gristmill (429-9671 or 429-9032)** ([joshuaslandtrust.org](http://joshuaslandtrust.org)), owned and operated by Joshua's Trust, is open Sundays through mid-October.
- **Husky Heritage Sports Museum** (486-2240) ([uconnalumni.com](http://uconnalumni.com)), in the UConn Alumni Center, brings alive remarkable images & stories of UConn's winning teams, determined coaches & gifted student-athletes, and is open Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm.
- **Mansfield Historical Society** (429-6575) ([mansfieldct-history.org](http://mansfieldct-history.org)) is open Sat. and Sun. 1:30-4:30pm, until Sept. 26. New exhibits include: *Celebrating 300 Years: Mansfield's First Meetinghouse and Church*; *The Northeast Villages: Wormwood Hill, Mount Hope and Atwoodville*; and *Made in America: The Folk Art of Coverlets*.
- **Mansfield Parks and Recreation Dept.** (429-3015) ([mansfieldct.org](http://mansfieldct.org)) has many classes, programs and activities for young children. Check the Fall 2010 brochure sent to every household for information about After-School Friends, after-school science programs, **fee waivers** for eligible Mansfield residents, recently-revised Mansfield parks and preserves brochures, kayak and other rentals; Friends of Mansfield Parks, Family Fun Nights, Snow Days activities and *many* other offerings!
- **Mansfield Public Library** (423-2501) ([biblio.org/mansfield](http://biblio.org/mansfield)) has **new hours**: Mon.& Wed. 10-5; Tues. & Th. 10-8; Fri. & Sat. 9-5. The library offers 3 drop-in program series for children: **Infant & Toddler Time** (ages birth-36 months with caregiver), Fridays 10:30-12n, Sept. 10-Nov. 19; **Family Storytime** (all ages welcome, with caregiver), Saturdays 10:30am, Sept. 4-Dec. 18; **Wonderful Wednesdays**, stories, songs & simple crafts (all ages, with caregiver), 10:30am, Oct.6-Dec. 8.
- **Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum** (486-2712) ([uconnhuskies.com](http://uconnhuskies.com)) opens in late Sept. Call or check the website for information about general skating dates and times and to check out skating lessons for ages 4 & up.
- **Storrs Farmers Market**, ([StorrsFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:StorrsFarmersMarket@gmail.com)) is in the Town Hall parking lot every Sat.from May through Nov. 20 from 3 to 6 pm. The new *Midweek Mini Market* is open Wednesdays through Sept. 29 in front of the Mansfield Community Center from 3 to 6 pm. The *Winter Market* is open in the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, December through April, from 3 to 5 pm. Come for fresh, locally-grown and locally -produced foods.
- **UConn College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Department of Animal Science** ([animalscience.uconn.edu](http://animalscience.uconn.edu)) offers public access at certain times to the Animal Barns (wow!) & Dairy Bar (yum!). Download a brochure for young children.
- **UConn Co-op** (486-5027) ([bookstore.uconn.edu](http://bookstore.uconn.edu)) has a large selection of children's books. Don't miss the CT Children's Book Fair Nov. 13 & 14 (see below). And watch for a visit from someone special from the North Pole in December!
- **UConn EEB** (=Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) **Greenhouses** (486-4052) ([eeb.uconn.edu](http://eeb.uconn.edu)), on the UConn campus, house a huge collection of live plants from all over the world. Open to the public: Mon.-Fri., 8am-4pm.
- **UConn Libraries** ([lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits](http://lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits)) offers special exhibits; check the website for what is appropriate for kids.
- **William Benton Museum of Art** (486-4520) ([thebenton.org](http://thebenton.org)) is closed for most of the fall semester for installation of new climate control equipment. Check the website for events that might be of interest to and appropriate for kids.

#### For more information about the events listed in this calendar, check the following sources:

**ANSCI** = College of Agriculture and Natural Resources , Dept. of Animal Science (UConn) ([animalscience.uconn.edu](http://animalscience.uconn.edu))  
**CANR** = College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UConn) (486-2413) ( [cag.uconn.edu](http://cag.uconn.edu))  
**CSA** = Community School of the Arts (UConn) (486-1073) ([csa.uconn.edu](http://csa.uconn.edu))  
**CSMNH** = CT State Museum of Natural History & CT Archaeology Center (UConn) (486-4460) ([cac.uconn.edu](http://cac.uconn.edu))  
**EOS** = E.O.Smith High School (487-0877) ([eosmith.org](http://eosmith.org))  
**JCPA** = Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts (UConn) (486-4226) ( [jorgensen.uconn.edu](http://jorgensen.uconn.edu))  
**MMS** = Mansfield Middle School (429-9341)  
**MPL** = Mansfield Public Library (423-2501) ([biblio.org/mansfield](http://biblio.org/mansfield))  
**MPRD** = Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department (429-3015) ([mansfieldct.org](http://mansfieldct.org))  
**MSC** = Mansfield Senior Center (429-0262) ([mansfieldct.org](http://mansfieldct.org))  
**SCommC** = Storrs Community Church (429-7242) ([storrschurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:storrschurch@sbcglobal.net))  
**SCongC** = Storrs Congregational Church (429-9382) ([storrsconchurch.org](http://storrsconchurch.org))  
**UCC** = UConn Co-op (486-5027) ([bookstore.uconn.edu](http://bookstore.uconn.edu))

*Many of the following programs require advance registration and/or fees. Call ahead!*

***Fee waivers are available to eligible Mansfield residents for most Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department programs (429-3015). Scholarships may be available for other fee-based programs listed here.***

### SEPTEMBER 2010

**Sept. 18** (Sat.), 9am-7pm – Annual Echo Grange Fair in Mansfield Center, Rte. 195: exhibits, food, & more! **(423-8993)**  
**Sept. 18** (Sat.), 10am-1pm – Mushrooms -- Healthy & Nutritious! Collect edible fungi in central CT (8&up w/adult) (CSMNH)  
**Sept. 25** (Sat.), 7am-10:30pm -- Bus trip to Maker Faire ([makerfaire.com](http://makerfaire.com)) in Queens, NY (**register by Sept. 10**) (MPRD)  
**Sept. 25** (Sat.), 9am -1pm – Harvest Festival and Fall Bazaar @ the Mansfield Senior Center; food, crafts, etc. (MSC)  
**Sept. 25** (Sat.), 10am-3pm – Southeast Elementary School Fall Carnival; FUN for all! (rain date: Oct. 2) **(423-1611)**  
**Sept. 26** (Sun.), 12n-6pm -- Mansfield Lions Fall Festival, Country Store & Chicken Barbecue @ Holiday Hill **(423-1375)**  
**Sept. 26** (Sun.), 1:30pm – UConn's Annual Homecoming Parade ending @ Fairfield Way; floats & bands! **(486-3423)**  
**Sept. 26** (Sun.), 4pm -- Mad Yankees: Psychiatry in 19th C. CT; talk in Biology/Physics 130 (ages 10 & up w/adult) (CSMNH)  
**Sept. 28** (Tues.), 7pm -- Black bears in CT: a special illustrated talk by a staff member of the CT DEP; all ages! (MPL)

## OCTOBER 2010

### WALKTOBER EVENTS in MANSFIELD

For a complete listing of Walking Weekends events in eastern CT & contiguous southern MA, see the complete WALKTOBER brochure at: [thelastgreenvalley.org](http://thelastgreenvalley.org) (1-866-363-7226)

**Oct. 3** (Sun.), 1-4pm – Paddle the Hollow (Mansfield Hollow Reservoir); registration required (**429-3206**)  
**Oct. 9** (Sat.), 10am – **Hide, Seek & More: Family games in the woods (Dunhamtown Forest) (MPRD)**  
**Oct. 10** (Sun.), 12:15- c. 3pm -- UConn Forest Hike; meet @ jct. of Rte. 195 & N. Eagleville Rd. (**CANR**) (**486-1076**)  
**Oct. 16** (Sat.), 10am -- Visit the HEEP (= UConn's Hillside Environmental Protection Park) (*rain date: Oct. 17*) (**429-7174**)  
**Oct. 16** (Sat.), 1pm -- Art & Architecture Walk @ UConn (*registration required*) (*rain date: Oct. 23*) (**486-1711**)  
**Oct. 17** (Sun.), 1-3pm – What's Living in the Water @ the Moss Sanctuary? A perfect family walk. (**MPRD**)  
**Oct. 24** (Sun.), 1pm -- Schoolhouse Brook Park Foliage Walk with knowledgeable local naturalists (**MPRD**)

**Oct. 2** (Sat.), 9am-4pm -- UConn Equestrian Dressage Team Show, Horsebarn Hill Arena (**ANSCI**)  
**Oct. 2** (Sat.), 10am-5pm – FREE Atlatl Days & Knap-in @ Hammonasset State Park (ages 8 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Oct. 2** (Sat.), 4-9pm – Parents' Night Out/Kids' Night Out: activities and pizza for grades K-5 @ the Community Center (**MPRD**)  
**Oct. 3** (Sun.), 10am-5pm -- FREE Atlatl Days & Knap-in @ Hammonasset State Park (ages 8 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Oct. 10** (Sun.), 11am-4pm – UConn Cornucopia Festival & Horticulture Store; lots of fun for the whole family! (**CANR**)  
**Oct. 10** (Sun.), 1-3pm -- Kids-Only Workshop: Archaeology of Ancient Mesopotamia (ages 6 & up) (**CSMNH**)  
**Oct. 12** (Tues.), 7:30am-5:30pm – Recreation Rescue: fun for grades K-8 @ MMS (*must pre-register*) (**MPRD**)  
**Oct. 16** (Sat.), 9am-4pm -- UConn Equestrian Western Team Show @ Horsebarn Hill Arena (**ANSCI**)  
**Oct. 16** (Sat.), 9:15am-11:30pm -- Bus trip to the Pumpkin Festival in Keene, NH (*register by Oct. 1*) (**MPRD**)  
**Oct. 16** (Sat.), 7pm -- Benefit concert by choral group Take Note! @ First Church of Christ in Mansfield (**SCongC**)  
**Oct. 17** (Sun.), 3pm -- Lessons from the 1918 Flu Pandemic; talk in Biology/Physics 130 (ages 10 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Oct. 19** (Tues.), 7-8:30pm – Fall Country Dance @ Mansfield Middle School; fiddlers & callers; y'all come! (**MMS**)  
**Oct. 22** (Fri.) & **Oct. 23** (Sat.), 7:30pm -- E.O. Smith H.S. Drama Club presents hilarious *Shakespeare in Hollywood* (**EOS**)  
**Oct. 23** (Sat.), 1:30--3:30pm – Your Beautiful Smile; human & others' teeth. Drop-in activities. (grades 1-5 w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Oct. 24** (Sun.), 1:30pm -- E.O. Smith H.S. Drama Club presents hilarious *Shakespeare in Hollywood* (**EOS**)  
**Oct. 24** (Sun.), 3pm -- Stone Age Atlantis; Nat'l Geographic marine archaeology film + Q&A (ages 10 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Oct. 28** (Th.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Fall/Winter Band and Jazz Band concert @ E.O. Smith H.S. Auditorium (**EOS**)  
**Oct. 29** (Fri.), 6-7:30pm -- Halloween Howls: spoooooooky family fun for all ages! (**MPL**)  
**Oct. 30** (Sat.), 5:30-7pm – 23rd Halloween Party & Trick-A-Trunk @ the Community Center (all ages w/adult) (**MPRD**)  
**Oct. 30** (Sat.), 8am-3pm -- 81st UConn Little International Livestock Show @ Horsebarn Hill Arena, UConn (**CANR**)

## NOVEMBER 2010

**Nov. 5** (Fri.), 6pm – The public is invited to the All-School Art Show + refreshments @ the Community School of the Arts (**CSA**)  
**Nov. 6** (Sat.), 10am-12n -- Gourd Container Art; make, decorate & take one home (ages 10 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Nov. 6** (Sat.), 10:30am – Barn Yard Sale & Judging Contest; 1pm – Silent Auction @ Ratcliffe Hicks Arena, UConn (**CANR**)  
**Nov. 7** (Sun.), 3pm -- Shamans, Medicine Men & Ethnobotany in southeastern Nicaragua (ages 10 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Nov. 9** (Tues.), 7pm – E.O. Smith H.S. Fall/Winter Orchestra concert @ the high school auditorium (**EOS**)  
**Nov. 12** (Fri.), 7:30am-5:30pm -- Recreation Rescue: fun for grades K-8 @ MMS (*must pre-register*) (**MPRD**)  
**Nov. 13** (Sat.), 10am-5pm -- 19<sup>th</sup> CT Children's Book Fair: activities, storytelling, books!! (**UCC**) ([bookfair.uconn.edu](http://bookfair.uconn.edu))  
**Nov. 13** (Sat.), 10am-c. 12m -- Bus trip to Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular in NYC (*register by Oct. 30*) (**MPRD**)  
**Nov. 13** (Sat.), 10am-12n – How to Grow Fresh Air! Talk + tour of EEB Greenhouses (ages 8 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Nov. 14** (Sun.), 10am-5pm -- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CT Children's Book Fair: activities, storytelling, books! (**UCC**) ([bookfair.uconn.edu](http://bookfair.uconn.edu))  
**Nov. 18** (Th.), 7pm -- E.O. Smith H.S. Fall/Winter Choral concert @ the high school auditorium (**EOS**)  
**Nov. 18** (Th.), **19** (Fri.) & **20** (Sat.), **7pm** -- Performances of *Oliver!* @ Storrs Congregational Church (**SCongC**)  
**Nov. 20** (Sat.), 9am-4pm -- UConn Equestrian Team Show @ Horsebarn Hill Arena (**ANSCI**)  
**Nov. 20** (Sat.), 1:30-3:30pm – Get Moving! Animal Superpowers and You. Drop-in activities. (grades 1-5 w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Nov. 25** (Thurs.), 5am-4pm -- Bus trip to see Macy's marvelous Thanksgiving Day parade in NYC (*register by Nov. 11*) (**MPRD**)  
**Nov. 29** (Mon.), 7pm – EO. Smith H.S. Chamber concert in the high school auditorium (**EOS**)

## DECEMBER 2010

**Dec. 4** (Sat.), 7am-c.10:30pm – Bus trip to New York City where you spend the day on your own (*register by Nov. 13*) (**MPRD**)  
**Dec. 4** (Sat.), 10am-12n -- Kitchen Germ Safari; hands-on examination of germ theories! (ages 10 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Dec. 4** (Sat.), 10am-4pm -- Celebrate the Arts Festival @ Storrs Community Church: art & craft work, performances (**SCommC**)  
**Dec. 4** (Sat.), 10am-2pm – Christmas Bazaar @ the Storrs Congregational Church; gifts for all ages + luncheon (**SCongC**)  
**Dec. 4** (Sat.), 8pm – Holiday Boston Pops concert & gala celebration of the reopening of Jorgensen! (**JCPA**)  
**Dec. 8** (Wed.), 7pm – Mansfield Middle School Winter Band concert @ MMS auditorium (**MMS**)  
**Dec. 11** (Sat.), 4-9pm – Parents' Night Out/Kids' Night Out: activities and pizza for grades K-5 @ Community Center (**MPRD**)  
**Dec. 12** (Sun.), 2pm -- Treblemakers Concert Choir, Junior Trebles & Tiny Trebles concert @ von der Mehden Recital Hall (**CSA**)  
**Dec. 12** (Sun.), 4pm -- Suzuki Group Class & Presto Ensemble concert @ von der Mehden Recital Hall, UConn (**CSA**)  
**Dec. 12** (Sun.), 5:30pm -- Advanced String Ensemble & Chamber Music Ensemble concert @ von der Mehden Recital Hall (**CSA**)  
**Dec. 12** (Sun.), 3pm -- An Evidence-based Look at Alternative Medicine; talk + discussion (ages 10 & up w/adult) (**CSMNH**)  
**Dec. 12** (Sun.), 3pm -- Benefit concert by choral group Take Note! @ Storrs Congregational Church (**SCongC**)  
**Dec. 15** (Wed.), 7pm – Mansfield Middle School Winter Orchestra & Choral concerts @ MMS auditorium (**MMS**)  
**Dec. 18** (Sat.), 12n-5pm -- Fun Fest for Families: carnival games, food, music @ Storrs Community Church; all ages! (**SCommC**)  
**Dec. 18** (Sat.), 1:30-3:30pm -- YUCK & YUM; explore the world of taste & smell. Drop-in activities (grades 1-5) (**CSMNH**)

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